

HOUSE BILL 859

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee –**
3 **Membership Criteria**

4 **MC 13–10**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the membership criteria for the Montgomery County
6 Democratic Party Central Committee; specifying that certain central committee
7 members are elected in a certain manner; limiting the number of members
8 elected at large that may reside in the same legislative district; providing for
9 the application of this Act; and generally relating to the membership criteria for
10 the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Election Law
13 Section 4–203(f)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Election Law**

19 4–203.

20 (f) (1) In Montgomery County[:

21 (i)] the Republican Party Central Committee consists of 19
22 members[; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) the Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23
2 members].

3 (2) (I) For [each of those two party central committees] **THE**
4 **REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

5 [(i)] 1. two members are elected from each of the legislative
6 districts that lie wholly within Montgomery County;

7 [(ii)] 2. one member is elected from the Montgomery County
8 part of each legislative district which is partially within Montgomery County; and

9 [(iii)] 3. the remainder shall be elected at large.

10 (II) **FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

11 1. **TWO MEMBERS ARE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE**
12 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THAT LIE WHOLLY WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY;**

13 2. **ONE MEMBER IS ELECTED FROM THE**
14 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY PART OF EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THAT IS**
15 **PARTIALLY WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND**

16 3. **MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE EQUAL THE**
17 **NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THAT LIE WHOLLY WITHIN MONTGOMERY**
18 **COUNTY, EXCEPT THAT NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE MAY RESIDE**
19 **IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.**

20 (3) Any vacancy in a seat on a party central committee held initially
21 by a member elected from a legislative district shall be filled by a person residing in
22 that district.

23 (4) Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee for
24 Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the
25 Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the
26 members of the Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central
27 committee.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
29 the election for the members of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central
30 Committee that is held at the primary election on September 14, 2010.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 June 1, 2010.